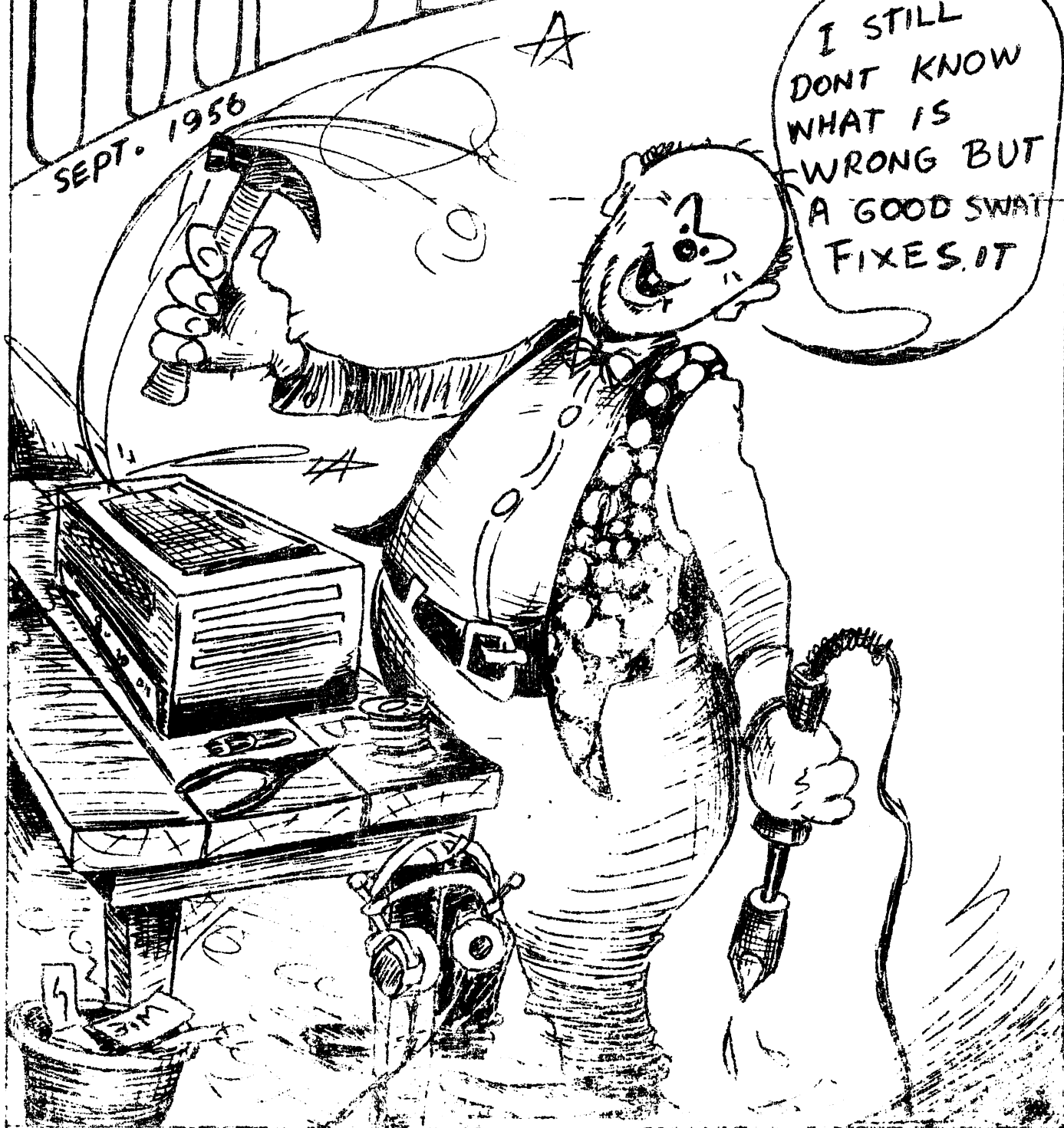


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From The President

SELF-IMPROVEMENT

One of the most regrettable, and potentially catastrophic conditions that tend to exist everywhere - in whole nations, in small organizations like ours, or, for that matter in individuals - is the blissful delusion that a state of perfection exists, requiring no change in structure or operation of the group or individual to keep pace with changing times. The longer such a stagnant condition is allowed to prevail the more dangerous it becomes, because inefficiency will build up and finally result in a high degree of internal dissatisfaction. It is advantageous therefore, to take a critical look at one's self occasionally and profit from any improvements that may be indicated. The Federal Government has recognized that certain deficiencies exist in the administration of national affairs, and has established the Hoover Commission to formulate suggestions intended to minimize these deficiencies. There are several areas in Phil-Mont's current policies where a similar impartial survey would, in all probability, disclose plenty of room for improvement. Our own survey will be implemented by a committee which will be appointed at the September meeting. This committee will be charged with the responsibility of formulating specific proposals designed to strengthen our organization. All of our activities will be placed under close scrutiny, including changes in conduct of business meetings, net procedure, obligations of the officers, possibility of creating new offices to help ease loads on existing ones, and possibly the color of the President's bow tie. In order to fully develop this project it will be necessary to have your cooperation. If you have any suggestions applicable to the way things are done (or not done, as the case may be) be sure to express your opinion to the committee for appropriate action.

W3QZO

THE LATEST SCOOP

Judging from all the comments, the membership, who participated in the Northeastern Flood activity, were well pleased with their Public Service Award. It is a very eye catching display which we are sure was appreciated by all. --- Rumor has it Doc W3UKF has a new Ampex tape recorder and is taking down the word. --- Tuck away the necessary bucks \$4.00 per nose or \$8.00 per two noses for the Annual Dinner Dance. The committees are busily engaged in seeing to it that this years wing ding will surpass all others. The gals are digging up the best in prizes and the boys are hitting up everybody in sight for a hand out. Everybody goes home with something. The tariff, while it may seem large to some, does not cover the cost of the shindig. The club has appropriated the usual amount of green to see to it that you have a good time sooo it is your buck that is being spent to round up the year with the best in good times - be there - Casa Conti - same place - the boys talked Joe into throwing in the P.A. system for gratis. We can handle 200 and we push that figure hard. 'member gals this is the only thing you get out of the rat race the OM knocks his brains out for-all year long so start piling up the necessary wherewithall. --- Trackless Travers is reported to be giving a wide berth to all unpaved fields of late. --- Our champ auctioneer, W3WNC, announces the annual auction at the October Meeting. Dig down in the pile and drag out the stuff that has been accumulating in the last year. --- There were a number of sticky fingers at the last meeting when some character brought a mess of miniature screwdrivers to be given away - each was wrapped in cosmoline, or the next best thing to it. The only way to get at the gadget was to get yourself well goosed up. --- Last month's Blurb was handled exceptionally well by our good President Sam. 'Twas more truth than fiction when someone popped up at the last meeting and said it was the best we have had. --- Another candidate for the job of key poking - And speaking of candidates it brings to mind -

THIS Business of Elections

It's getting around to the end of the year again when PMRC votes in the executive staff. We have the problem of choosing individuals who will carry the ball as well as has been done in the past. really is a problem when the top positions must be filled with individuals who have not had their hand in the active running of the club. In many organizations the leaders come up through the "ranks!" There are those who say we can elect any dues payer and it would make little difference whether or not he had presidential capabilities - the implication being - there are enough responsible members on the executive committee who would not stand to see misguidance. In other words the club would survive in spite of itself. The fallacy in that argument has been proven many times. There is no such thing as status quo in any organization. It either goes forward or it falls behind. We must make a gain, since it is not in numbers it must be in spirit. We have two positions - Secretary and Treasurer that are becoming "permanent" jobs. This has its good and bad points. The bad seem to outweigh the good. Organization outside of PMRC (ARRL - CD etc.) get used to dealing with one individual when approaching the club thereby considerable confusion is avoided. Records are kept in continuous order without interruption. The formality of maintaining banking responsibility every year must be done - it's easier with a permanent treasurer. Mark up a few pluses in favor. Now mark up an important minus- With two "Permanent" officers there is no training ground for executive positions. Members must look into their crystal ball and read it right. The present method is a good way to vote incompetency into office. We have been fortunate up to now. Everyone should have a chance to hold office. There are too few offices to go around and two of them "permanent" accentuates the problem. Periodic changing of the executive group permits a "new look". Periodic audit of policies is healthy. More so for the protection of the individuals in office than any other reason. With a membership of 100 there are bound to be those who question the veracity of the officers. Responsibility of maintaining finances for instance should be spread to avoid embarrassment when a member in all sincerity wants to know what is going on. The question has come up in the past and squelched. A good job done in the position of Secretary and Treasurer suggests Presidential and Vice-Presidential timber. The idea proposed a year ago to have assistants for Secretary and Treasurer has advantages - there is a training ground and also all the fundamental continuity and responsibility necessary for a growing organization. The move was defeated, not because it was in disfavor but because there were not enough voters to make adequate representation of the membership. You did not vote! The nominating committee will soon be chosen to present a slate of officers. The committee's purpose is to get sufficient quantities of nominees on which to vote and not to

politic a deal. Any member is, in a sense, a member of the nomination committee in that he can request the appointed committee to place his own or anyone elses name on the ballot. The individual in question must agree to accept the nomination however. It has been said the nomination committee is chosen from a pool of members who are not likely to be chosen for Officers. This is not a true statement. Any nominating committee man is eligible for nomination on petition from the rank and file. The rules by which the 1955 nominations committee guided themselves are as follows.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RULES (tentative)

1. The nominating committee shall consist of 7 members who shall be appointed by the president. The 7 members shall be chosen on the basis of the representation of all factional interests within the club.
2. The chairman of the nominating committee shall serve on the committee the following year. If this is not possible another member of the committee shall be so appointed by the president.
3. Nominating committee members are permitted to run for office but only upon petition from the membership. The committee cannot nominate themselves.
4. All offices are to have two or more nominees. Every effort shall be made to see that this rule is fulfilled.
5. Nominations are to be announced at the November regular meeting.
6. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the November regular meeting after publication of the slate of nominees presented by the committee.
7. Nominations after the November regular meeting must be made by written petition signed by at least 6 members.
8. All nominations are closed the 15th of November.
9. A space shall be provided on the ballot for a write in vote.
10. Nominees for each office shall be listed alphabetically by name on the ballot and on the published list.
11. No information on nominees is to be given out prior to the November meeting.
12. Only members who have accepted nomination will be announced. All others are to be kept confidential.
13. Only members who have previously indicated their willingness to run can be nominated for office.
14. Absentee balloting is acceptable only by a signed statement of the absent member.

1955 Committee members were W3PXY, chairman, W3KNC, W3IW, W3IDR, W3QZP, W3MVG, George Vieth.

As W3EM so aptly put it recently "Rules are made to be intelligently disregarded" These rules only set forth the mode of operation of the committee and are designed to be used as a guide. Modify them if you like. We have set down a few ideas to consider - give some thought to the top elective offices (Pres. and Vice Pres.) on the same ballot. The second high count to decide the Vice Presidency. We will toss that one around a bit next month,

The South Jersey Radio Association has their annual picnic Sept. 9th at Maple Amusement Park. \$1.00 per nose in advance. --- The annual picnic did not have the usual zest this year. Comments--"Too crowded -which you can expect with the splash and fanfair". About 20 showed up - and came and went. So you really didn't know who showed and who didn't. Seems the old secluded spot at French Creek Park is about the best even tho W2ZAS is still looking for it. --- The Secretary received a note from Wayne Green asking that the club file be written up in CQ to raise its circulation. This sounds like a good public relations gesture to this ED. --- Keep your ear tuned to the ground for the 4 wheeled deal in the wind-more on that in the next issue. ---W3SRD reports he has a new Super Ceiver and is very pleased with it. --- W3AHP says get the snow tires and chains for Feb. mid-month. He has moved to the wilds of Wrighttown township. His place is at Anchor States the new mail address box 229, Richboro, Penna. The neighbor at the former QTH can now enjoy their One Eyed Monster. ---

W3WVT says - in looking over the back issues of QST, I found a 6 meter converter along the same lines as the 10 meter converter used by many of the gang. It was in June 1955 issue Page 38. Sam sez letter from Andy, W3NL: "Going to try to make the PMRC Banquet. He sez he has fun "seeing whether PXY is good enuf to out lie me!" ED'S note - We sure tell some 'tall tales'. --- A dozen of the fellows trekked out to the PLS live steam layout Sat. --- All the kids (young and old) had rides. Most of the fellows who had mobiles worked W3QZO/Model RR Mobile. Another Philmont first! Sam used W3DSG's walkie talkie while high balling #613 around the mainline. Ernie later worked W3CUB with his lil rig - it was also heard Q1 by W3HQJ. The gang expects to line up a similar set up next year. --- "One way to eliminate "TVI" by W2ZAS - Dr. John M. Muroff, W3SAI to you and his Doctor wife Carolyn stopped in a local drug store in Broomall where he usually has a "QSO" on prescription filling. The druggist greeted our friends by saying "I am sure glad to see you. I have just finished preparing a prescription for your two next door neighbors - would you deliver it?" A point of interest here which no doubt raced thru someones mind. "Why not call on them both an "Kill two birds with one stone." (No late TVI complaints have been received by W3SAI) --- Russ "Dreamboat" says very faint hetrodynes were heard on 29,493 Skyline Drive, V. at altitude of 3800 ft. in the mountains. He called W3QV on CW but no readable answer. Noise there is zero - he thinks CW could be worked back into Phila. --- W3UZF sez when the mobile XMtr doesn't put out, first step in the repair procedure is to see if the Final Amp. bottle is in the socket. For further dope contact W3QVK (John). ---XYL (Lou) recently passed her drivers test and now drives the family charriot - now all she needs is a General Class ticket and she can operate the rig. The OM Frenchy got a license to spend money recently too, and immediately put said license to use by purchasing a used (couldn't tell it from a new one) Viking II --- Several groups have made noise about getting together for various activities outside of hamming. W3WQH is chairman with YJM, SAI, DHJ, IRS as team mates in a bowling activity - who all wants in. W3PXY made some noise about who the rifle marksmen are in the club and finds AJO, VCE, GPX, UVL, IRS, DHJ and EVD all of the same mind. Tentative plans call for NRA rules, small bore, iron and/or scope sights. There is a dandy range (indoor) at Swarthmore and another one at the Delaware County Field and Stream (outdoor). Russ is chairman and has a few side bets on with PXY already. The boys could go into competition with any of the dozen or so teams in the area. The ve high st scorers at any one time to compete. Sounds good fellers talk it up and set a meeting date Russ. --- W3OWK is getting very good reports on his unipole ground plane. --- W3VVS is beating his brains out to get a 6146 going on 6M. --- W3GDA is moving into a new QTH in the Mt. Airy section. --- Our good friend W3CHZ has finished his vacation and is back giving us daily Carribean contacts --- A note from Bucks County --- The Bucks County Amateur Radio Club is just over a year old and has a roll call of 63 members of which 44 are active. The club was chartered by ARRL the latter part of 1955. The members have a variety of ham interests and operate all bands up to and including 144mc. Mobile activity is on the increase in the 10 and 2 meter bands. Civil Defense is an active project of the club with a fixed 2 and 10 meter station set up at the club headquarters. It was this group that organized and operated the Delaware Valley Emergency Net which was just turned over enmass to CD. at Doylestown. Most members have or will have RACES tickets soon. The club also conducts on-the-air code practice (MCW) every night except Saturday and Sunday on 2 meters. The training program has produced more than 23 novice and general class tickets for the new comers. Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month followed by interesting entertainment and refreshments. Drop in some nite.

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W3VVV President.

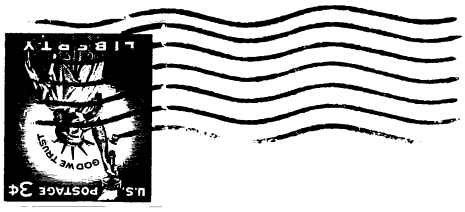
The summer put a crimp in Blurb activities - we just can't get up much steam. See you later.

SWAP and SHOP

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